

House Resolution 1983

By: Representatives Howard of the 121st, Murphy of the 120th, Sims of the 119th, Bruce of the 64th, Frazier of the 123rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring David M. Dupree; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, David M. Dupree is an honest and dedicated man who strove for excellence in
3 all his endeavors as evidenced dramatically by his many years of superlative service as an
4 outstanding teacher, coach, and life member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on September 10, 1924, in Clemson, South Carolina, and he earned
6 a Bachelor of Science degree from Johnson C. Smith University, a Master of Arts from New
7 York University, an Honorary Doctor of Laws from Paine College and pursued additional
8 studies at Benedict College and Wayne State University; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Dupree began his teaching career as a biology teacher and a basketball and
10 football coach at Bell Street High School in Clinton, South Carolina, and one year later he
11 was offered a job as biology teacher and head coach in Augusta, Georgia, at A. R. Johnson
12 High School and eventually became head football coach at Lucy Laney High School; and

13 WHEREAS, during his football coaching career at Lucy Laney and Bell Street High Schools,
14 he amassed 210 wins, 12 ties, and 79 losses, and, in addition to his leading the teams to state
15 championships, in 1966, Lucy Laney High School led the nation in football scoring,
16 averaging 54.5 points per game; and

17 WHEREAS, in addition to his illustrious football program, he also coached an outstanding
18 track team from 1949 until 1984; and

19 WHEREAS, after spending 35 years as a teacher and head coach at Lucy Laney High
20 School, he retired from the Augusta public school system, going on to be the head track and
21 cross country coach at Paine College, working there for 14 years; and

1 WHEREAS, he became very involved with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., being a lifetime
2 member and founder of the Augusta chapter and acting as a mentor for many of Augusta's
3 youth, grooming them to be leaders in the future; and

4 WHEREAS, he is a devoted family man to his wife, Vivian Key Dupree, two daughters,
5 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and a dedicated member of his community, actively
6 involved in the Tabernacle Baptist Church where he is a former choir member, Sunday
7 school superintendent, and trustee; and

8 WHEREAS, he is a classic gentleman and a person of magnanimous strengths with an
9 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

10 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
11 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens
12 of his community and state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
13 associates.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
15 the members of this body join together to recognize and honor the outstanding contributions
16 of David M. Dupree and express their sincere best wishes for the future.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to David M. Dupree.